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1. [] while enroute to Leningrad, [] ship was passed by five naval vessels moving in line formation west of Seyskari Island (N 60-02, E 28-23). The naval vessels traveled on a westerly course at a slow speed. After they had passed, the vessels stopped and changed formation, and they maintained this formation []. The vessels displayed pennants [] and they sailed in that order in the formation.
2. Vessels [] were identical; each had one gun on the foredeck and a signal mast on the after edge of the bridge. On the mast there was a crow's nest and yardarm as well as a Decca-type radar screen. The deckhouse extended from the bridge toward the stern. Amidships there was a slanting stack with a blue ring. There was one gun on the afterdeck and a davit on the stern frame. Each ship was equipped with two lifeboats.
3. Vessel [] was somewhat smaller than the above-mentioned vessels. It had guns on the foredeck, a signal mast on the after edge of the bridge, a low deckhouse or enclosure around the stack, and a low afterdeck with two davits on the stern frame. On the after edge of the deckhouse amidships there was a large drum covered with canvas. Red and green paravanes lay on the deck. Vessel [] was the same type [] but it did not have a drum on the after edge of the deckhouse.
4. Vessel [] was smaller than vessels []. It had a low bridge with a short mast, and the stack was higher than the bridge. On the deck there were some red-painted crates of various sizes partly covered with tarpaulins.
5. [] a small naval vessel was observed anchored five nautical miles west of Shepelev Island¹. It had a flush deck, a mast on the after edge of the bridge, a crow's nest, and a radar screen. []

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6. At 0850 hours a naval vessel was passed at Shepelev Island. [redacted] It had one gun on the foredeck, a small gun astern, and a bridge with a wooden mast on which there was a crow's nest, a radar screen, and a direction finder. The midships superstructure was connected to the bridge. The ship had one stack, and there were two davits on the stern frame. The vessel had two floats out from the stern but no paravanes were visible. The signal flag [redacted] was displayed on the mast, and the pennant [redacted]
7. From Shepelev Island to Leningrad Lightship stakes were set out with black and yellow flags. The distance between the stakes was one-half nautical mile. [redacted] ship navigated with the stakes to starboard. Naval vessels [redacted] maneuvered on the opposite side of the stakes. The ship received no report about these stakes from the Soviet authorities.
8. At 0945 hours a small guard boat was observed tied to a buoy at the lightship. It had pennant [redacted]. It had a short mast on the bridge and guns on the afterdeck. On the bridge there was an egg-shaped, gray-painted dome on a short mast which was about one-half meter high.
9. At 0950 hours [redacted] a naval vessel with pennant [redacted] on its way out to sea at a speed of approximately 20 knots. The ship had guns on the foredeck, a bridge with a straight mast, a slanting stack, four antiaircraft guns in a line along the afterdeck, a flush deck, and davits on the stern frame.
10. As [redacted] ship passed Kronstadt at 100 hours, the following naval vessels were observed:
 - a. The OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA and a larger naval vessel lay moored to buoys outside the naval harbor. This vessel had a turret with three gun barrels on the foredeck, a bridge with a high circular tower, a mast, and a square stack with an extension which slanted toward the deck at the forward edge. On the top of the stack there were several vertical pipes; smoke was seen rising from one of the pipes. The ship also had a mast astern of the stack, a superstructure, a turret with two gun barrels, and a turret with three gun barrels. Two cranes were located amidships. The afterdeck was low and rounded off along the sides. The vessel had no visible name [redacted]
 - b. In the west basin there were five submarines at a wharf. Two of the submarines [redacted] were similar; [redacted] had a noticeably flat deck, and [redacted] were similar.² The submarines were seen under difficult conditions, and a more detailed description could not be given other than that two of the submarines were smaller than the others [redacted]
 - c. In the middle basin there was one large naval vessel with pennant [redacted]. It had a command tower, a wooden mast, a slanting stack, another mast, a second stack, and many guns. There was also a dismantled old cruiser or large naval vessel with a straight stack. A vessel with pennant [redacted] was being repaired in the basin. The same vessels observed on a previous trip were also in the middle basin.³
11. In the canal [redacted] ship passed a naval vessel with pennant [redacted] which was the same type as vessel [redacted]. At 1330 hours one naval vessel with pennant [redacted] went up the canal past the grain elevator. This vessel was also the same type [redacted]. The guns on the afterdeck had two barrels.
12. [redacted] a motor boat with pennant [redacted] went up the canal. It had an open bridge with a short mast. The boat went out again at 0800 hours and there were many naval officers on board. At 1030 hours two small naval vessels with pennants [redacted] passed up the canal. They each had one gun on the stern, an open bridge, a small mast, and a low afterdeck.

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13. Several lifeboats with many military and civilian personnel on board were towed up and down the canal. A small motor vessel with pennant [] was observed with apparently high-ranking officers on board. The reason for the large amount of traffic on the canal was a jubilee, about which [] could gather no further information. However, flags were flying everywhere and music could be heard from aboard the ships in the harbor.
14. When [] ship passed Kronshtadt on departure [] a series of naval vessels, other than those previously mentioned, were seen; these included:
- One gray-painted transport with two stacks and marked []
 - Two light cruisers with two stacks each, displaying pennant []
 - Four large destroyers with two stacks and two wooden masts each; the ships displayed pennant []
 - Five minesweepers marked []
 - Three similar naval vessels with one stack each, marked []
 - One naval vessel with one stack, displaying pennant []
 - Three motor boats marked [] They each had an open bridge with a short mast and searchlights.
15. West of Kronshtadt a motor torpedo boat with pennant [] was observed heading in towards shore at a very fast speed. A short time later another somewhat smaller motor boat with pennant [] was observed.
16. [] naval vessels [] were observed in the area just off Shepelev Island. These vessels were sailing back and forth at slow speed.
17. [] a naval vessel was passed abeam of Helsinki Lightship. It displayed pennant [] and it had a short foremast, a bridge with a low signal mast, a slanting stack with a blue ring, a low afterdeck, and an open railing. Paravanes were observed on the deck.
1. [] Comment: Shepelev Island (N 59-59, E 29-07) is also known as Karavaldy Island.

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